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Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model MD-10-10F, MD-10-30F, MD-11, MD-11F, and 717-200 Airplanes

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prompted by a report of two violations of the selected flight control panel (FCP) altitude

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during the FMS PROF descent, the uncommanded descent of an airplane below the

selected level-off altitude, which could result in reducing the separation between the

airplane and nearby air traffic or terrain.

DATES: Effective [insert date 15 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

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